

HOUSE FLOOR SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 446

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO WEIGHT
AND SIZE LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES TRANSPORTING SEED
COTTON MODULES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code,
Section 66-7-413.5 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"66-7-413.5. [NEW MATERIAL] EXEMPTION--VEHICLES USED TO
TRANSPORT SEED COTTON MODULES--LIMITATIONS. --

A. A seed cotton module transport vehicle may
transport loads without securing a permit or escort if:

(1) the vehicle is:

(a) no wider than nine feet;

(b) no longer than forty-eight feet; and

(c) no higher than fourteen feet six

1 inches;

2 (2) the load is not transported for a distance
3 greater than one hundred miles;

4 (3) the gross vehicle weight of the vehicle is
5 less than fifty-nine thousand four hundred pounds;

6 (4) the vehicle is marked on the front and the
7 rear with "OVERSIZED LOAD" signs; and

8 (5) the vehicle is not operated on highways
9 for which a more strict size or weight limitation is required
10 by federal law.

11 B. If the owner of a seed cotton module transport
12 vehicle transports a load of more than fifty-nine thousand four
13 hundred pounds, the owner is liable to the state, county or
14 municipality for damage to a highway, street, road or bridge
15 caused by the weight of the load and transport.

16 C. If the seed cotton module transport vehicle is
17 not operated on routes identified by the state highway and
18 transportation department as having deficient bridge
19 structures, the owner or operator shall obtain and have in
20 possession the deficient bridge information from the department
21 on an annual basis.

22 D. As used in this section, "seed cotton module
23 transport vehicle" means a motor vehicle, trailer or
24 combination of motor vehicle with trailer used exclusively to
25 transport a seed cotton module. "